

ABSTRACT

Improvements Relating to Digital Image Viewing

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A system (180, 210) for displaying a user's personal digitised photographic image data in a comparable manner to a photo album is described. The system (180, 210) comprises a combination of: a gaming console (120) for playing a video game; the gaming console (120) including a modem (122) for connecting the gaming console to the Internet (126); a domestic television (12) for displaying the video game to the user when connected with the console (120); and a permanent data store (176) connected to the Internet, the permanent data store (176) storing the user's digitised photographic image data (24) and comprising an Internet server (178) for transmitting part or all of the user's digitised photographic image data (24) to the gaming console (120); and a portable CD (162) including a viewing application program (26), the viewing application program comprising a communications applet (130) for receiving the user's digitised photographic image data (24) from the permanent data store (176) via the modem (122) and the Internet (126). The viewing application program (26) is arranged to configure the gaming console (120) to display the digitised photographic image data (24) on the domestic television (12) when the user's digitised photographic image data (24) has been received by the gaming console (120).

(Figure 17)